

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chairman Donald J. Steinbeisser, on February 5, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJR 17, 1/26/2009

Executive Action: SB 204, SB 217, SB 289, SJR 17

HEARING ON SJR 17

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:18 Sen. Gary Perry (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SJ 17, Encourage consideration of horse transportation planning.

00:03:07 Sen. Brown now present.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:25 Marianne Amsden, Gallatin Equestrian Partnership (GEP)
EXHIBIT (ags27a01)

00:09:20 Merlyn Huso, East Slope Back Country Horsemen (ESBCH)
EXHIBIT (ags27a02)

00:10:50 Maire O'Neill, Associate Professor, School of Architecture, Montana State University

00:15:53 Jennifer Mohler, Resource Specialist; Founding Director, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators; Gallatin Equestrian Partnership

00:18:55 Lucy Amsden

00:19:34 Jane Heath

EXHIBIT (ags27a03)

00:22:19 Marianne Amsden, GEP, read testimony from Sophie Clifton, Secretary of the Equestrian Man Conservation Resource, Kentucky

00:28:19 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:46 Sen. Larsen

00:31:01 Sen. Perry

00:31:13 Sen. Larsen

00:31:33 Sen. Perry

00:31:55 Ms. Amsden, GEP

00:32:16 Sen. Ripley

00:32:48 Sen. Perry

00:33:10 Sen. Ripley

00:33:19 Sen. Perry

00:33:23 Sen. Brown

00:33:49 Sen. Perry
00:34:06 Sen. Brown
00:34:28 Mr. Huso, ESBCH
00:34:59 Sen. Brown
00:35:02 Mr. Huso, ESBCH
00:35:23 Sen. Brown
00:35:28 Mr. Huso, ESBCH
00:35:36 Sen. Brown
00:35:40 Mr. Huso, ESBCH
00:35:58 Sen. Brown
00:36:21 Mr. Huso, ESBCH
00:36:44 Sen. Hamlett
00:37:15 Mr. Huso, ESBCH
00:38:02 Sen. Hamlett
00:38:06 Mr. Huso
00:38:25 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:38:34 Lucy Amsden
00:38:49 Sen. Hamlett
00:39:11 Chere Jiusto, MPA

EXHIBIT (ags27a04)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:37 Sen. Perry

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 204

SB 204 was amended on January 27, 2009. At that time Chairman Steinbeisser delayed the voting on **SB 204** until a new fiscal note could be printed.

00:42:32 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:43:32 Sen. Hansen

00:44:06 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SB 204 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:44:15 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:44:49 Sen. Larsen
00:45:31 Sen. Ripley
00:46:29 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)
00:46:57 Sen. Ripley
00:47:05 Sue O'Connell, LSD
00:47:35 Sen. Ripley
00:47:48 Sen. Larsen

Without objection:

00:48:11 Chere Jiusto, MPA
00:49:01 Sen. Jackson now present.
00:49:38 Sen. Larsen left the room.
00:51:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen.
Ripley voting no. Sen. Larsen voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION SB 217

00:52:25 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 217 DO PASS.**

00:53:12 Sue O'Connell, LSD
00:53:30 Sen. Ripley
00:53:37 Sue O'Connell, LSD
00:53:46 Sen. Ripley

00:54:00 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 217 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(ags27a05)

Discussion:

00:54:13 Sen. Brown
00:54:42 Sue O'Connell, LSD
00:54:49 Sen. Hamlett
00:55:17 Sue O'Connell, LSD
00:55:29 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:55:33 Sen. Hamlett
00:55:45 Sue O'Connell, LSD

00:55:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with Sen.
Hansen voting no. Sen. Larsen voted no by proxy.

00:56:04 Chairman Steinbeisser postponed the hearing on SB 217
and requested a new fiscal note.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 289

00:57:19 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **SB 289 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:57:52 Sen. Brown
00:58:55 Sen. Murphy
00:59:51 Sen. Hansen
01:00:17 Sen. Murphy
01:01:15 Sen. Hansen
01:02:21 Sen. Hamlett
01:02:32 Sen. Jackson
01:03:41 Sen. Ripley

01:04:38 Sen. Jackson

01:06:05 Sen. Murphy

01:07:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Sen. Larsen voted aye by proxy.

01:08:05 Chairman Steinbeisser

01:08:13 Sen. Brown

01:10:44 Sen. Hansen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 17

01:11:00 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SJR DO PASS.**

01:11:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen.
Larsen voted aye by proxy.

01:11:47 Sen. Brown

01:12:15 Sen. Hansen

01:12:20 Sen. Brown

01:12:24 Sen. Murphy

01:12:30 Sen. Brown

EXHIBIT (ags27a06)

01:14:41 Sue O'Connell, LSD

01:15:23 Sen. Brown

01:15:36 Sen. Hamlett

01:15:54 Sue O'Connell, LSD

01:16:13 Sen. Brown

01:16:32 Sen. Hamlett

01:17:10 Chairman Steinbeisser

01:17:18 Sen. Jackson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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